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I think the proposed settlement in the Microsoft case is a direct reward to Microsoft for breaking the law. As in many cases in common law, this case has its special considerations. However, the public is served when there is dynamic competition in all areas of industry. The settlement does little or nothing to restore the basic fair business practices needed to stimulate and sustain a robust technical development community in the United States.

Microsoft was found guilty of breaking the law to further its monopoly and crush any competition. Microsoft as a criminal enterprise is not being punished. Criminals do not change their behavior unless they are punished. Microsoft has gained great economic and political power by breaking the law and now appears to be using this economic and political power to escape any punishment for its crimes.

Please reconsider this settlement. Please consider the economic and political power bargains that are implied by this settlement. Criminal enterprises should be punished, please consider adding appropriate punishments to the settlement.

Thanks for your time,

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